**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claim 1 has been amended to combine it with the subject matter of claims 3 and 6. Claims 3 and 6 have been cancelled. Claims 7 and 8 stand withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 9 - 11 are pending in the application.

Claims 4, 5 and 9-11 have been amended to correct the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, objections noted by the Examiner.

The Examiner cited Srinath (US 6,581,856) issued June 24, 2003 and owned by Bowles Fluidics Corporation, the assignee of the present application. The Examiner has also cited Thurber, Jr. et al (US 6,575,386) (hereinafter "Thurber, Jr.") which issued in June 2003. The present application enjoys the filing date of March 2002 and an effective provisional application filing date of March 2001 (a copy of which is attached hereto).

Since Srinath and Thurber, Jr. are owned by the assignee of this application, the Srinath and Thurber, Jr. patents are not prior art under paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) of 35 U.S.C. §102. See 35 U.S.C. §103(c)(1):

> Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Since claims 3 and 6 has been combined with claim 1, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is rendered moot. The rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable

over Srinath (US 6,581,856) in view of Steptoe et al (US 3,459,847) further in view of Thurber, Jr. et al (US 6,575,386) is respectfully traversed. See the reason given above.

In addition, while Srinath discloses a fluidic oscillator of the type set out in the original claim 1, Steptoe on the other hand does not mold a fluidic oscillator in one molding. What Steptoe does is to shape a fluidic oscillator such as referenced in Figure 1, do iterations on the surfaces and shape to arrive at an optimum and then cast a negative impression such as shown in Figure 2 and then molds a plurality of the item such as shown in Figure 1. The copies or replicas may be assembled in an array by clamping them in contact with the fluidic connection block. As stated at column 4, line 44 of Steptoe:

> The elements 22, 23, 24 and 25 are assembled on a base 32 between locating strips 33, 34, 35. In order to secure the elements on the base 32, screws 36 are provided in the strip 35 to clamp the elements against strip 33. Alternatively, the elements may be secured by cement or adhesive to the base. In yet another construction, the base 32 may be formed with recesses or apertures into which the elements are fitted and secured.

Thus, what in effect Steptoe assembled is the device similar to one shown in Figure 1 of applicants' disclosure labeled "prior art." Applicant respectfully submits that this is no teaching of the subject matter found in claim 1.

While the Examiner referred to lines 4-6 of column 3 of Thurber, Jr. which reads as follows:

> The inertance loop CL may be varied in length (or include a variable fluidic circuit component) to vary the frequency of oscillation.

this does not teach or suggest the step of providing top and bottom inertance plates connected with the inertance loop passage connecting the control ports for controlling the frequency of oscillation.

In view of the above, further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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